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## Global Studies Initiative Project Report: Sociology 101 Spring 2020

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**Global Studies Initiative in Social Sciences Courses  
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**Global Studies Initiative:** The goals of the Global Studies Initiative are: To promote the addition to Parkland’s social science courses of instructional materials on global issues with a focus on the European Union, Russia, Eastern Europe, and Eurasia. Further, to provide social science faculty with instructional design tools and aid them with the implementation of new course materials.

**Parkland Honors Program:** The Honors Program at Parkland College offers a variety of challenging opportunities for students with strong academic records, special creative interests or unique skills. A primary goal of the Honors Program is to prepare students to participate at premier universities when they transfer to a four-year institution.

**Global Studies Faculty Report, Honors Project Supervision**

**Faculty Name:** Cristina Prestin-Beard

**Course in which the Honors Project was Supervised** (course name, section number, term):

Introduction to Sociology - SOC 101-056DW – Spring 2020

**Was this course redesigned as part of a previous semester’s work with the Global Studies Initiative?**

Yes

**Name of Student who Completed the Honors Project:** Summer Roesch (#1607682)

**Title of the Completed Honors Project:** “A Taste of the Globe”

To complete this report, please answer the following:

1. Please describe here how your course fulfills the Global Studies Initiative goals at the beginning of this document. Please also mention if any of the world areas in this initiative are covered in your course (European Union, Russia, Eastern Europe, Eurasia).

Summer wanted to research food around the globe. It is arguable that food is a cultural universal, everyone eats. It is part of rituals and family traditions around the world. She selected five recipes to prepare from Brazil, France, Nigeria, Philippines and Australia.

2. Please explain how the Honors Project you supervised fit into your course's curriculum and learning objectives. Please describe the format of this project. Was the project an expanded version of your class final assignment? Was it work done in addition to the regular class load?

Summer's project helped represent the cultural component of SOC 101. Rather than just talking about culture, she recreated it. She also was able to share her work (the actual food she prepared) with her family and friends.

This was not part of our regular class work and was not part of a final assignment. Summer designed and implemented this idea all on her own. I am very impressed with the outcome – especially given the tumultuous circumstances of the semester.

3. Please provide a brief description of how the Honors Project that you supervised helped your student gain knowledge of and engage with global studies issues, or issues from any of the world areas in the Global Studies Initiative.

Not only did Summer research food and prepare certain dishes, but her paper reflects the importance of the particular dish and the time period in which it was created. She did not focus on one area of the world – instead she journeyed completely around the globe (Brazil, France, Nigeria, the Philippines and Australia). This is not something she would have learned from our regular course materials.

4. Could you see yourself supervising similar Honors projects in future semesters? Was there anything about the format or process that you would improve?

Absolutely. I would love to oversee Honors projects in the future. This work allows students to further examine their own interests in sociology. It opens their eyes to things around the world. It also sets them apart, academically, from their peers. I cannot think of any suggestions for the process at this time.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Cristina Prestin-Beard*

Please email this completed report to: [iscarborough@parkland.edu](mailto:iscarborough@parkland.edu) by May 29, 2020.

***Thank you for participating in the Global Studies Initiative!***